Gregory Dean

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Entry-level cybersecurity practitioner with a background in IT support and hands-on experience in penetration testing, security monitoring, and cloud lab environments. Experience supporting team-based offensive security engagements, conducting vulnerability assessments, and analyzing system and network logs. Seeking SOC Analyst I or Junior Penetration Tester roles where foundational technical skills and structured security methodologies are required.

Skills

Penetration testing, vulnerability assessment, security monitoring and log analysis(Windows Event Logs, network traffic), phishing and social engineering testing, incident triage and basic threat analysis, MITRE ATT&CK mapping, Nmap, Nessus, Burp Suite, Dirbuster, Wireshark, Zeek, tcpdump, Kali Linux, Metasploit, Hydra, John the Ripper, Hashcat, ELK Stack, Splunk (dashboard creation in lab environments), Python, Bash, PowerShell (introductory scripting), AWS (EC2, VPCs, IAM – lab environments), Linux and Windows administration fundamentals, endpoint imaging and hardware diagnostics, Windows firewall configuration, OWASP Top 10, NIST CSF, NIST SP 800-53, CIS Controls v8, ISO/IEC 27001:2022 (mapping exercises)

Experience

Soiltech Wireless | Boise, ID
IT Technician | March 2024 - Present
- Authored and maintained technical SOP's, network diagrams and asset documentation to support standardized troubleshooting and system continuity.
- Performed hardware diagnostics, system imaging, and endpoint setup across 50+ user systems.
- Reviewed system logs and endpoint behavior to assist with troubleshooting, anomaly identification, and incident triage support.
- Supported day-to-day IT operations, contributing to baseline security hygiene and system reliability.

Evolve Security Academy – Drug Policy Alliance | New York, NY
Temporary Penetration Tester | June 2025 – July 2025
- Participated in a team-based penetration testing engagement against a real client environment under supervision of senior security staff.
- Served as team lead for assigned testing tasks, coordinating execution and documentation of findings.
- Conducted internal and external testing of web applications and infrastructure using Nmap, Nessus, Burp Suite, and Dirbuster.
- Identified and documented 24 exploitable vulnerabilities across multiple attack surfaces following defined engagement scope.
- Triaged Nessus findings and applied CVSS scoring using a provided rubric to support remediation prioritization.
- Designed and executed a supervised phishing campaign using GoPhish targeting 38 users, resulting in a 73.7% click rate.
- Developed a Python script integrating the Have I Been Pwned (HIBP) API to automate credential exposure checks for company email addresses.
- Contributed written findings to a formal assessment report and participated in presentation of results to client leadership, including the CISO.

Evolve Security Academy | Chicago, IL
Cybersecurity Apprentice | January 2025 – July 2025
- Completed capstone projects and graded labs focused on offensive and defensive security fundamentals.
- Built AWS lab environments with segmented public and private subnets to practice cloud networking and access control concepts.
- Performed web application security testing in controlled environments simulating OWASP Top 10 vulnerabilities.
- Captured and analyzed network traffic using Wireshark and Zeek to identify suspicious patterns in simulated attack scenarios.
- Created SIEM dashboards in ELK Stack and Splunk to visualize indicators of compromise during lab exercises.
- Conducted log analysis and threat mapping using Windows Event Logs and MITRE ATT&CK techniques.
- Completed guided compliance mapping exercises aligned with NIST, CIS Controls, and ISO standards.
- Used common offensive security tools in structured lab and CTF-style environments.

Sierra Trading Post | Boise, ID
Retail Associate | September 2022 - January 2024
- Operated point-of-sale and inventory systems in a fast-paced retail environment.
- Provided customer service and assisted with transaction accuracy.
- Reported suspicious behavior to management as part of loss prevention procedures.

Education/Certifications

Certificate in Cyber Security | Evolve Security Academy | 2025
(ESCP) Evolve Security Certified Professional Certification | Evolve Security Academy | 2025
Security+ Certification | CompTIA | Expected February 2026